

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: 209 High Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Dorchester		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
<b>CATEGORY</b> (Check One)	<b>OWNERSHIP</b>		<b>STATUS</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Bath	<b>Public Acquisition:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<b>Yes:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: Reginald Orem				
STREET AND NUMBER: 209 High Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge		STATE: Maryland		21613
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Dorchester County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: 206 High Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge		STATE: Maryland		21613
<b>Title Reference of Current Deed (Book &amp; Pg. #):</b> Liber 117/Folio 283				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div>(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered
<div>(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	
<p>DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE</p> <p>Although this house was built sometime around 1796, it was added onto around the turn of the 19th century and now appears to be a much later house than it actually is. The interior, however, still retains much of the early woodwork.</p> <p>This frame house is two and one half stories high and has a gable roof with a center gable. There is a pointed arch window in the gable. A one story porch extends across the five bay front, supported by rectangular posts and uncarved arched brackets. The eight panel door is flanked by rectangular sidelights and a transom light above.</p>	

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE****PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- ☐ Pre-Columbian      ☐ 16th Century      ☒ 18th Century      ☐ 20th Century  
☐ 15th Century      ☐ 17th Century      ☒ 19th Century

**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)** 1796, late 19th c.

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input type="checkbox"/> Political      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry    | losophy                                 | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention   | <input type="checkbox"/> Science        | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture      | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | Architecture                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-  | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature  | itarian                                 | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater        | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music       | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____  |

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE****History:**

In September 1796, the trustees of Christ Church conveyed this property to Josiah Bayly to help pay for the church building. Bayly, a distinguished lawyer and our fifth Attorney General of Maryland, built the present house with the exception of the part to the left as one enters, which was added by Mrs. Isabel Shepherd. Bayly's law office was next door (211 High Street). He died in 1846, leaving the property to his widow Ann A. Bayly. Mrs. Bayly died in June 1857, and after her death the property was sold to Dr. Alexander H. Bayly. Dr. Bayly died in 1892, leaving the property to his son Josiah W. E. Bayly of Louisville, Kentucky. He died in 1892 also, and the property was sold to Mrs. Isabel Shepherd.

**Significance:**

Although altered sometime around the turn of the century this is one of the older houses on High Street, which possesses many houses of architectural significance ranging from pre-Revolution to early 20th century construction.

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Col. Clement Sullivane, article reprinted in the  
Daily Banner, April 16, 1925

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Catherine L. Moore,

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET AND NUMBER:

Route 3, Box 32

CITY OR TOWN:

Cambridge

STATE

Maryland

## 12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

209 High Street  
Josiah Bayly House  
Cambridge, Maryland

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Despite its early twentieth century vernacular appearance, this house was built sometime after 1796 by Josiah Bayly, Cambridge lawyer and tenth Attorney General of Maryland (1831-1846). The lot was originally part of the lands of Great Choptank Parish as laid out in the survey of 1706. In 1750, the church leased a portion of its land, including this lot, to John Caile (see 207 High Street). In 1794, the parish recovered its lease from Caile's heirs and two years later sold the land as three lots to raise money for a new church. Josiah Bayly purchased the middle portion for 150 pounds and erected the present house. On his death in 1846 the property passed to his widow and then to his son, Dr. Alexander Hamilton Bayly, who resided next door at 207 High Street until 1892. The house has remained in the possession of Josiah Bayly's descendants to this day, except for the years 1899-1917. Earle Orem, father of the present owner, bought the house in 1917, added to the rear and remodeled the exterior as it now stands. The present owners acquired the house in 1959.

This house is significant from its historical association with one of Cambridge's most prominent figures of the early nineteenth century. From an architectural point of view, however, the exterior of the house is not in keeping with other houses of the same age on High Street.

Sources:

Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

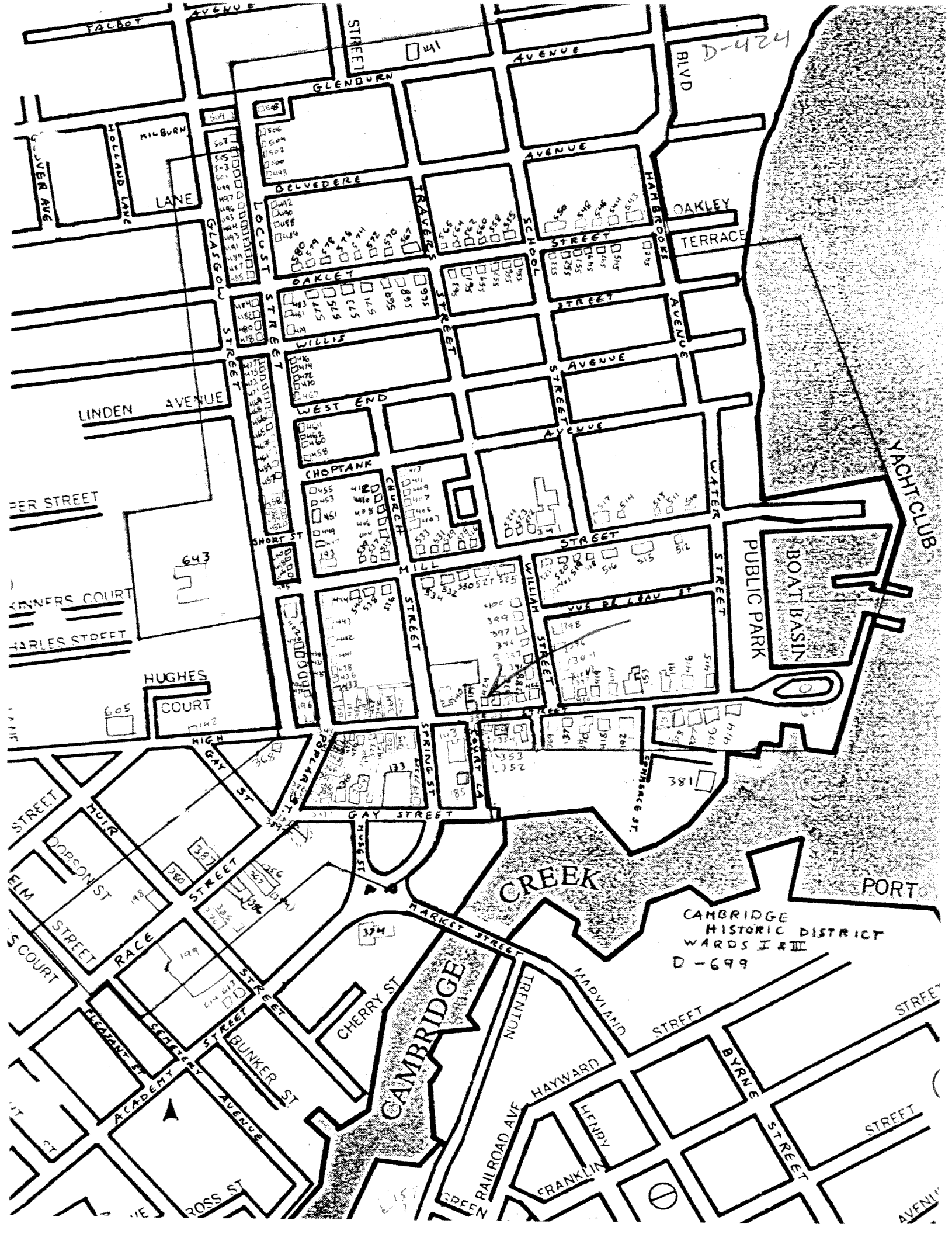
Land Records.

Will Records.

Interview with Reginald and Hazel Orem, 209 High Street, owners.

Research by: Terrance P. Walbert

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